

**U.S. Department of Labor**

Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20210



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By email: 69778-28274011@requests.muckrock.com

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 874464

Dear Mr. Kick:

We are responding, on behalf of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), to your February 25, 2019, request to the Department of Labor for "your agency's FOIA request log covering 2018, which includes field showing the subject of each request and a field for the final disposition."

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) processes approximately 8,500 to 9,200 requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) each year. OSHA does not create an agency-wide log of incoming requests. Rather, OSHA uses the Department of Labor Secretary's Information Management System for FOIA (SIMS-FOIA) to track requests. As such, OSHA does not have a record that meets the description of the "FOIA log" you are seeking.

However, as OSHA routinely receives requests for a "FOIA log," we created a report for the second half of 2018 for those interested in the nature of the requests OSHA receives under FOIA. Subject line entries with a "(b)(6)" show where protected personal identifying information was redacted from the report. A copy of this report is located at <https://www.osha.gov/as/opa/foia/foia.html> under the link "Report of Incoming FOIA Requests."

Please feel free to contact Christopher Durso, OSHA's National Office FOIA Coordinator, at 202/693-2009 with any questions regarding this determination.

You have the right to appeal this decision with the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date of this letter. The appeal must state, in writing, the grounds for the appeal, including any supporting statements or arguments. The appeal should also include a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter.

If you appeal, you may mail your appeal to: Solicitor of Labor, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2420, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210 or fax your appeal to (202) 693-5538. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to [foiaappeal@dol.gov](mailto:foiaappeal@dol.gov); appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted. The envelope (if mailed), subject line (if emailed), or fax cover sheet (if faxed), and the letter indicating the grounds for appeal, should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

In addition to filing an Appeal, you may contact the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas G. Hicks, Sr. at (202) 693-5427 or [hicks.thomas@dol.gov](mailto:hicks.thomas@dol.gov) for assistance in resolving disputes.

You also may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance. OGIS offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may mail OGIS at the Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Alternatively, you may email or contact OGIS through its website at: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>. Finally, you can call or fax OGIS at: telephone: (202) 741-5770; fax: (202) 741-5769; toll-free: 1-877-684-6448.

It is also important to note that the services offered by OGIS, is not an alternative to filing an administrative FOIA appeal.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Francis Meilinger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Francis Meilinger  
Director, Office of Communications  
OSHA